GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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UPGRADATION OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether many aiports in the country have been upgraded to international standards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether arrangements have been made torun some of the international flights from these airports;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether some countries have sought to operate flights from these airports and extra flights from other airports;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b): In May, 2000 seven more airports at Ahmedabad, Cochin, Hyderabad, Guwahati, Amritsar, Bangalore and Goa have been declared as international airports taking total number of such airports in the country to twelve.

(c), (d), (e), (f) and (g): Operation of international flights from different airports is reviewed from time to time depending upon traffic demand. Since their upgradation as international airports, Bangalore has been granted as a point of call to the designated airline of Hongkong, Germany, Malaysia and four Gulf Air owning States, Hyderabad to Malaysia and UAE (Dubai); Amritsar, Ahmedabad and Cochin to Turkmenistan. Malaysian Airlines have already commenced operations to/from Bangalore and Hyderabad whereas Turkmenistan Airlines is operating to/from Amritsar. Emirates Airlines of Dubai is also operating dailyservices to Hyderabad. Indian Airlines and Air India have also introduced some new flights and have plans to introduce more flights from some of these airports with the aircraft acquired on dry lease.